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# INTRODUCTION

As you have come to expect, the stories in this issue of **I Love to Read Batman** are full of action, suspense and adventure!

Why would anyone want to kidnap a bunch of no-good criminals? Batman must solve this mystery in the story *Green Vengeance*.

Nasty tricks and traps await the Dark Knight when he is lured *Into The Madhouse*—a story of real danger. Find out who is behind the madness.

Read *The True Story of Superman* and find out how Clark Kent discovered his super powers and made it his

mission to use them to help people on Earth.

Once you have read the stories, don't forget to pull out the great poster in the centre, as well as your super Batman Workbook—full of puzzles about this month's stories.



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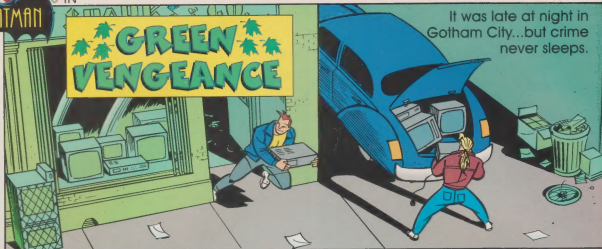
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# GREEN VENGEANCE

It was late at night in Gotham City...but crime never sleeps.



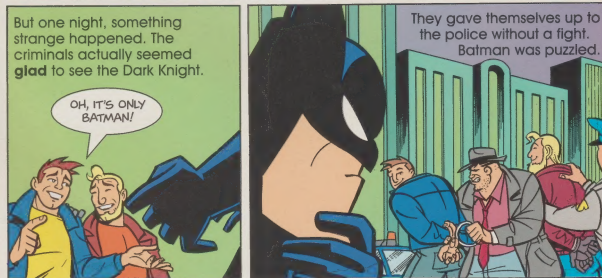
Fortunately, most of Gotham's criminals were a cowardly lot...a fact which Batman often used to his advantage.



But one night, something strange happened. The criminals actually seemed glad to see the Dark Knight.

OH, IT'S ONLY BATMAN!

They gave themselves up to the police without a fight. Batman was puzzled.



Later, when questioned, the two crooks explained that some members of the criminal underworld had mysteriously vanished recently.

NO ONE KNOWS WHO'S GONNA BE NEXT!



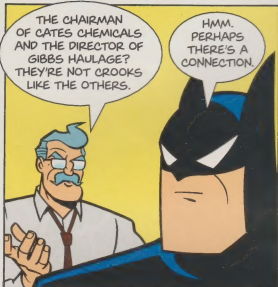
All of Gotham's criminals were really jumpy and lived in fear of being the next to disappear.

COMMISSIONER, BYRON CATES AND FRANK GIBBS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED!



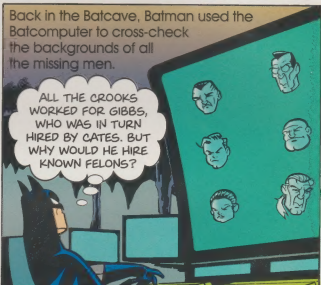
THE CHAIRMAN OF CATES CHEMICALS AND THE DIRECTOR OF GIBBS HAULAGE? THEY'RE NOT CROOKS LIKE THE OTHERS.

HMM. PERHAPS THERE'S A CONNECTION.



Back in the Batcave, Batman used the Batcomputer to cross-check the backgrounds of all the missing men.

ALL THE CROOKS WORKED FOR GIBBS, WHO WAS IN TURN HIRED BY CATES. BUT WHY WOULD HE HIRE KNOWN FELONS?



THERE'S ONLY ONE WHO'S STILL AT LARGE... HENRY "KNUCKLES" STREETER.





Henry Streeter was certain he was being watched...



...which he was... by Poison Ivy!

**DON'T SHOOT!**

SEEMS YOU'RE NOT SUCH A TOUGH GUY AFTER ALL, HENRY.

I'VE GOT ALL YOU SHRINKING VIOLETS FOR MY COLLECTION NOW.



Ivy quickly snapped a pair of handcuffs on him.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME? WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

**SNAP!**

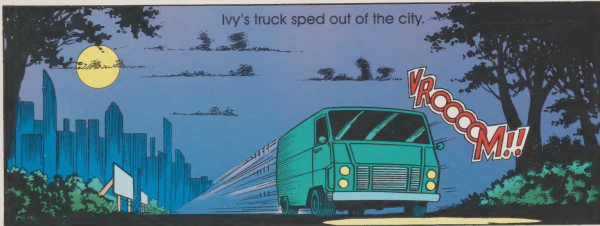


YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.



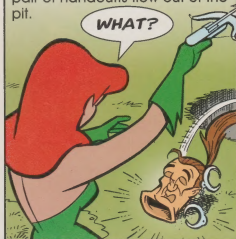
Ivy's truck sped out of the city.

**VROOOOM!!**





Suddenly a rubber mask and a pair of handcuffs flew out of the pit.



Then Batman leapt out. He had been disguised as Streeter. He had waited for her to talk. Now that she had, Batman revealed himself.



...but Batman was quicker.







Batman gets lured...

# INTO THE MADHOUSE



**M**onday morning in Gotham City, and people on their way to work were amazed by new posters pasted onto the city's billboards and hoardings.

"Out with Batman!" they said. "Dark Knight? Spoilsport, more like!" said others. There were posters everywhere, all calling for Batman to be got rid of because he spoiled people's fun!

There were adverts on television and one in the newspaper. "The Joker only wanted to have fun and have a laugh," read the ad, "but Batman put a stop to his play. What next? Will Batman come and spoil **your** birthday party?"

"I take it you've seen the newspaper, sir," said Alfred, taking a cup of coffee to to Bruce Wayne.

Bruce nodded. "Someone wants to cause problems for Batman. No one will fall for, it of course. The city will never forget the Joker's horrible crimes. I think it's meant to annoy me."

"And is it working?" asked Alfred.

"I don't ruffle that easily," said Bruce. "But I do aim to find out who's behind it."

"The Joker, perhaps?"

"He's safely locked in Arkham Asylum. Besides that would be too obvious." Bruce shook his head. "No, I have a hunch it's someone else..."

Bruce and Alfred headed down to the Batcave. The Batcomputer had whirled out a printout. "I was waiting for this," said Bruce, reading the printout. "I ran a lab test on the ink used in the posters. It's an older ink that is not used much anymore. There's only one printing plant in Gotham the posters could have come from — the old place out by the river."

That night, Batman swooped down out of the darkness and landed on the roof



of the old printing plant.

He dropped through the skylight into the building. The plant had gone out of business years ago. The place was dark and quiet. Suddenly bright lights came on, and with a grinding noise, the walls began to close in on him. It was a trap!

In seconds, the walls would crush him. Batman pulled a Batarang from his Utility Belt. He fixed a small detonator cap to it and hurled it at the closing wall. With a flash and a bang, it blew a hole clean through.

Batman dived through the hole. Landing on the far side, he ducked just in time to avoid a giant spring-loaded boxing glove that flew at him.

Batman moved past the giant boxing glove and then dived lengthways as a row of small catapults fired, sending a shower of custard pies flying at him. They splatted in a line along the wall behind him. The wall began to dissolve. The pies were full of acid!

"This is insane!" snapped Batman.

Suddenly, the floor opened up beneath him. Far below, a chute dropped into what looked like a deep pit.

Falling, Batman ripped out his grappling gun and fired it. The line snagged the huge boxing glove. Batman quickly scrambled out of the pit.

An anvil dropped from the darkness above him, crashing through the floor next to him. Another anvil fell and then another. Batman dived to the right and then to

the left again. Each time the anvils missed by a hairsbreadth.

"Someone is controlling all this," Batman thought as he braced for the next attack. "Someone close by..." He flipped down the night-sight goggles in his mask and scanned the dark building around him for clues. Heat sensitive, his goggles picked up several power cables snaking through the walls. Batman lunged ahead. The cables undoubtedly connected up at the control point.

In her secret control room, Harley Quinn, the Joker's partner-in-crime, frowned at the monitor screens. She had momentarily lost sight of Batman. As she cued the next trap, she switched on the address system. "Are you having fun yet, Batman?" she asked. "I went to a lot of trouble to get you here, so I want to make sure it's all worth it! You're such a sour puss....I want to show you *my* idea of fun. If you lightened up a bit, you might leave me and my Joker man alone."

Harley flinched as Batman crashed through the door behind her. He glared at the costumed girl. There was nowhere for her to run.

"Your idea of fun, Harley, is deadly. You and the Joker act like everything's funny. That doesn't hide the fact that you're both very dangerous."

"But—" she began. "You're so *serious*..!"

"Deadly serious..." he added as he hand-cuffed her and led her out of the old printing plant. "...about justice, about protecting the innocent and about stopping maniacs like you and the Joker."

"And if that makes me a sour puss," he added with a slight smile, "I really don't care."

THE END



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## WORKBOOK

### FIT THEM IN

All the words in the boxes appear in the story *Into the Madhouse*. See if you can fit them into the grid of squares. Afterwards, unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes to spell a word.



5 LETTERS

HUNCH  
ANNOY  
PARTY

7 LETTERS

ADVERTS  
MANIACS  
MONITOR

6 LETTERS

SECRET

9 LETTERS

HOARDINGS  
DETONATOR

Put the letters in the correct order here:

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# CUT FLOWERS

Poison Ivy loves all plants and flowers. Below are the names of some well known types of flower, but they have all been cut in half! Find the two halves of each flower name, join them together and write them in the box below.



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IS CRO  
FODIL DAI BELL LET  
NATION PY HYA  
CINTH IR CUS VIO  
SY POP  
CAR DAF  
BLUE

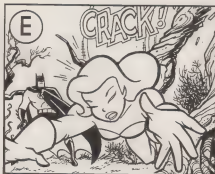
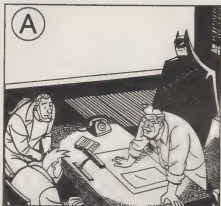
Write the full names of the flowers here.

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Which names are also used for people?

# ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order** (1-6) and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



1	2	3	4	5	6

# TREE WORDSEARCH

Poison Ivy always surrounds herself with different kinds of plants and trees. Below is a wordsearch with the names of fourteen different types of tree hidden within it. They are written downwards, upwards, forwards and backwards. The names are listed to help you, and you can tick the names off in the boxes as you find them in the puzzle.

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SPRUCE	<input type="checkbox"/>
OAK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WILLOW	<input type="checkbox"/>
CYPRESS	<input type="checkbox"/>
SYCAMORE	<input type="checkbox"/>
FIR	<input type="checkbox"/>

CHESTNUT	<input type="checkbox"/>
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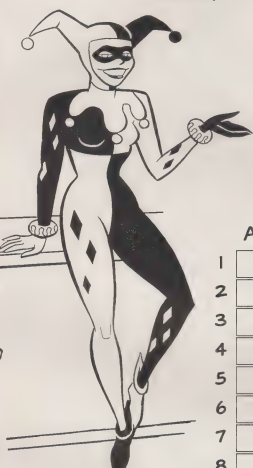
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N	O	A	M	H	S	A	P	R	C
E	L	M	B	I	R	C	H	P	E
R	W	O	L	L	I	W	U	S	D
I	F	R	A	L	P	O	P	U	A
F	T	E	C	H	E	R	R	Y	R





# FIND THE FACT

Solve the eight clues in the box below and fit the answers into the grid. By cross referencing the letters at the top of the grid with the numbers down the side, you will find corresponding letters eg. C1=U, G3=P and C5=O. Put the correct letters in the boxes at the bottom of the page to reveal a sentence. All the words come from the story, *Into the Madhouse*.



1. A steep narrow slide.
2. A window in the roof.
3. A daily publication.
4. A heavy iron block used to beat metal.
5. Someone who ruins people's fun.
6. The day you celebrate your birth.
7. The Clown Prince of Crime.
8. Sweet yellow sauce for puddings.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1			U							
2										
3							P			
4										
5			O							
6								Y		
7					R					
8										

Y

E6 F3 I3 E5 D7 H6

B6 C8

U

F6 A4 A3 F2 E1 I5 H5 C1 F5

A6 B8 D1

F5 B1 D7

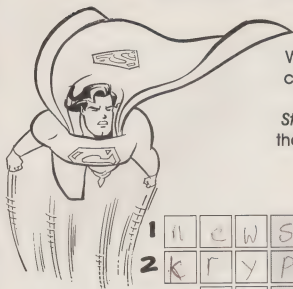
E5 B7 C4 D7 F5

J5 G2 H3

O

A7 C5 B2 E1 F8

# WHAT'S HIDDEN?



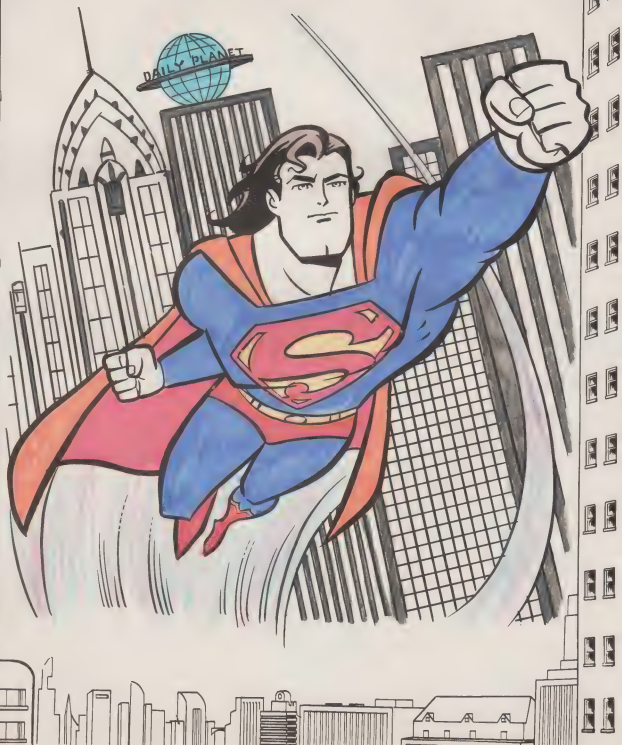
Write the correct answers to the clues in the boxes. All the words come from the story *The True Story of Superman*. The letters in the shaded boxes will show what brought Superman to Earth.

1	n	e	w	s	p	a	p	e	r	
2	k	r	y	p	t	o	n			
3		p	l	a	n	e				
4		a	i	c	h	o	r			
5	r	e	p	o	r	t	e	r		
6		k	a	n	s	a	s			
7		c	r	a	s	h				
8		t	r	a	i	n				
9	m	e	t	r	o	p	o	l	i	s

1. The *Daily Planet* is one.
2. The planet Superman originally came from.
3. In the story, Clark first rescues Lois Lane in one.
4. This stops boats from moving too far.
5. Clark Kent's job.
6. The state where the Kents live.
7. A loud noise.
8. This runs on rails.
9. The city where Superman lives.

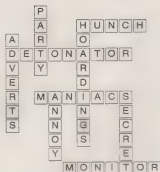
# COLOURING

Colour in this picture of Superman flying past the buildings of Metropolis on his way to save the day!





# FIT THEM IN



The letters spell  
GOTHAM

# ALL MIXED UP

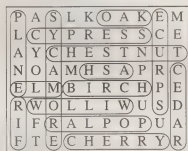
NATURE  
1 2 3 4 5 6

# CUT FLOWERS

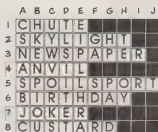
ROSE	✓	CARNATION	
CROCUS		HYACINTH	✓
DAFFODIL		IRIS	✓
DAISY	✓	POPPY	✓
BLUEBELL		VIOLET	✓

The ticked names are used for people.

# TREE WORDSEARCH



# FIND THE FACT

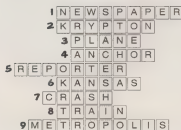


HARLEY IS DANGEROUS  
E6 F3 I3 E5 D7 H6 B6 C8 F6 A4 A3 F2 E1 I5 H5 C1 F5

BUT SHE LOVES THE  
A6 B8 D1 F5 B1 D7 E5 B7 C4 D7 F5 J5 G2 H3

JOKER  
A7 C5 B2 E1 F8

# WHAT'S HIDDEN?







# COLOURING

Get out your coloured pencils and crayons  
to make this picture of Batman and Poison  
Ivy come to life!





# Harley Quinn

## VILLAIN PROFILE

**Other Identity:**

Harleen Quinzel

**Occupation:**

Criminal

**Known Relatives:**

None

**Base of Operations:**

Gotham City

**Height:** 5 feet 7"

**Weight:** 56 Kilos

**Eyes:** Blue

**Hair:** Blonde

**Psychological profile:**

Dr. Harleen Quinzel was a young psychoanalyst at Arkham Asylum for the Criminally Insane, where the Joker was one of her patients. She fell in love with him, changed her name to Harley Quinn, and helped the Joker escape. Harley shares the Joker's insane sense of humour and hatred for Batman. Together Harley and the Joker are Gotham City's most deranged and dangerous criminals.

# THE TRUE STORY OF SUPERMAN

Adapted from the book by Louise Simonson; illustrated by Mike Paroback, Rick Burchett and Don Desalos.

On a distant planet called Krypton, a young couple bundled their baby boy into a tiny spaceship. Krypton was dying, and the couple hoped their child would survive if they sent him out into space—to Earth.



SUPERMAN created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.



As the tiny spaceship sped off into space, the planet Krypton exploded. Inside the craft, the baby was snug and safe as he sped, faster than the speed of light, towards planet Earth.

The spaceship crashed into a field in Kansas, USA. Jonathan and Martha Kent, who owned the land, found the craft and the little baby inside.







The Kents adopted the boy and named him Clark. As he grew up, Clark realised he was different. He could run faster than his friends and hear sounds miles away. Nothing hurt him. He could even see through walls. His strange powers scared him.

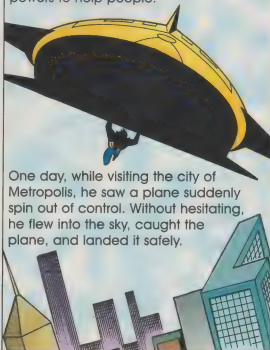


One day, the strangest thing of all happened. Clark jumped over a farmyard gate and suddenly found himself soaring in the air!

Jonathan realised it was time to tell Clark the truth. He showed the teenager the spaceship which was hidden in a field.



Clark began to secretly use his special powers to help people.



One day, while visiting the city of Metropolis, he saw a plane suddenly spin out of control. Without hesitating, he flew into the sky, caught the plane, and landed it safely.



In the plane was (as Larry, a reporter for the Daily Planet) newspaper. He saw write on article about the man who saved the plane. He called him Superman.

Back home, on his parents' farm, Clark was worried.



Clark's parents had the perfect solution. His mother made him a special costume to wear. That way, no one would recognise him when he used his superpowers. Clark was very happy.

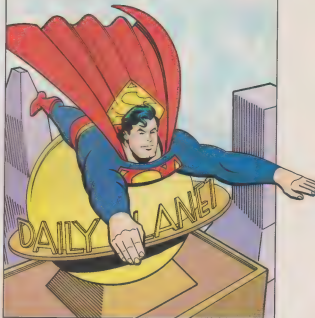




Wearing his brand-new costume, Clark flew back to Metropolis. He soon got a job at the *Daily Planet*. Working as a reporter, he could learn about people's troubles. For many weeks he helped people as Clark Kent—and as Superman.



One afternoon, Clark heard a distant cry for help and the tick-tick of a bomb. He ducked out of sight and changed into his Superman costume.



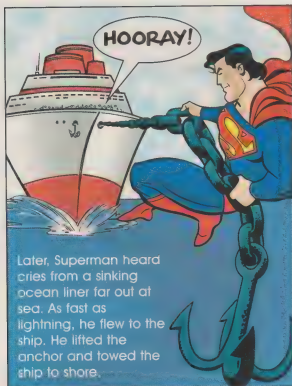
Using his X-ray vision, Superman saw a janitor tied up in a basement and two masked men with a bomb.

Faster than a speeding bullet, Superman sped into the basement and untied the janitor. He then grabbed the bomb and flew with it out of the building and high up into the sky.

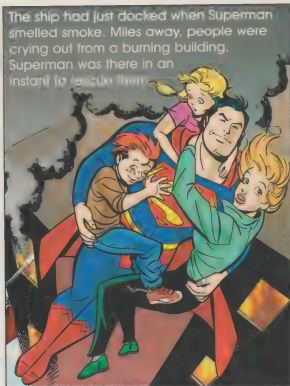




The bomb exploded in Superman's arms a mile over Metropolis but Superman wasn't hurt. His superstrong body blocked the explosion and protected the people and buildings below.



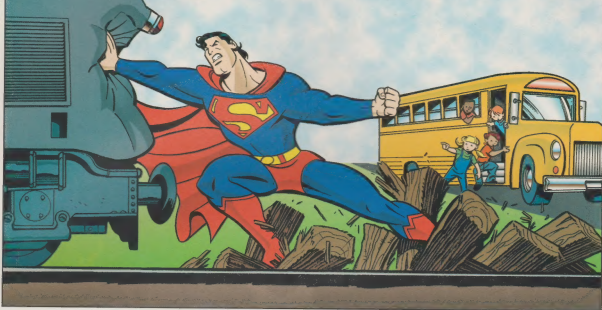
Later, Superman heard cries from a sinking ocean liner far out at sea. As fast as lightning, he flew to the ship. He lifted the anchor and towed the ship to shore.



The ship had just docked when Superman smelled smoke. Miles away, people were crying out from a burning building. Superman was there in an instant to rescue them.



As soon as the fire was out, Superman heard another call for help. A bus had stalled on a railway track, and a runaway train was about to crash into it. With no time to spare, Superman pushed the bus to safety and stopped the train.



Earth's greatest  
Super Hero had  
saved the day  
once again.



Don't  
forget,  
starting next  
month, Superman  
will join Batman  
permanently and this  
magazine will be called,  
**I Love to Read  
Batman &  
Superman!**





# DYNAMIC DISPATCHES

SORRY WE CAN'T PUT ALL OF THE MAIL YOU SEND US ONTO THESE PAGES. BUT KEEP SENDING IT IN AND LETTING US KNOW ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE STORIES AND CHARACTERS, AND WE'LL KEEP PRINTING AS MANY OF YOUR LETTERS AS WE CAN IN EACH ISSUE.



BY SCOTT CLARKE  
HATFIELD



CRAIG MARTIN  
ABERDARE



BY ANDREW QUINNE



JAMES & MYLES LANGSTONE  
MILFORD HAVEN



BY GLENN STARKEY



BY MATTHEW COOPER  
CAMBRIDGE

Dear I Love to Read  
Batman,  
I think your comics  
are fantastic. My  
favourite super hero is  
Green Lantern.  
I collect all of your  
comics.

Steven Harce  
Glasgow



BY ANDREW JOHNSON  
DUMFRIES

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PICTURE OR PHOTOGRAPH PRINTED IN  
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INDIVIDUALLY BUT WE WILL PRINT AS MANY OF YOUR  
LETTERS AS WE CAN. PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE  
YOUR NAME, AGE, ADDRESS AND SAE IF YOU WANT  
YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS ONLY RETURNED.



DAVID MILLS AS THE JOKER WITH HIS  
TWO COUSINS AS THE GOONS!



BY JAMES JACKSON  
REDDITCH

Dear I Love to Read  
Batman,  
I love the  
puzzles in the  
workbook and I put  
all the posters on  
my bedroom wall.  
Robert Turrall  
Coventry

# BIG NEWS! SUPER CHANGE!

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As of next month, Superman will be  
joining Batman in every issue! This  
means that you'll have to look out for the  
new magazine which will now be called —

**I Love to Read**

**Batman & Superman**

In the heroes' first magazine,  
Superman has to fight an evil opponent  
without touching him in *The Conqueror*.  
And join Robin on *The Late Shift* — a  
story in which the Teen Wonder protects  
Gotham City from a major crime.

There will also be 4 extra pages in  
the pull-out workbook section for you to  
puzzle over!

## PLUS A FREE CHEW BAR

AND 20  
BATMAN AND  
SUPERMAN  
CD-ROM  
BOOKS MUST  
BE WON!



# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the **10** differences between these two pictures of Batman and Harley Quinn?



**Answers:** 1. The bobbles on Harley's jester's stick, 2. The jester's eyes, 3. The base of the jester's stick, 4. Harley's bottom lip, 5. A diamond on Harley's left arm, 6. Harley's white bobble, 7. Harley's left foot, 8. Harley's cuf, 9. Batman's cape, 10. Batman's Bat-Symbol.

